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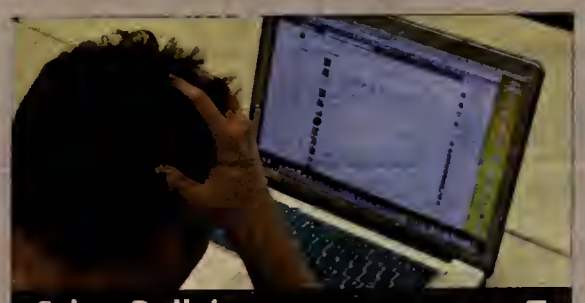

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A new approach to sustainability

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Wartburg's sustainability program has started a new program called the "Be Green Certification."

The certification was made to introduce students to more ways of sustainability than just recycling, student sustainability assistant Michael Stevenson said.

"A lot of times students hear sustainability and kind of stereotype it as recycling," Stevenson said. "There is so much more to sustainability than recycling and Be Green Certification introduces you to different aspects of sustainability."

The certification has four different stages, with the lowest being bronze, then silver, gold and the highest, platinum.

In the bronze category students are asked to take a sustainability survey on the group's website and to cut down on their time in the shower each time they take one.

Wartburg's sustainability group has set up a competition between residence hall floors, and their goal is to get all of the students on campus bronze certified.

The floor with the most students who are bronze certified will win a pizza party.

Every student that goes farther in the certification process will be entered into a drawing for a gift card for $50 in Waverly bucks.

For silver, students need to rent a watt meter and see how much energy they are using as well as filling out an elective worksheet.

For gold, a student need to fill out two more worksheets, and for platinum students need two more worksheets and an exit reflection.

The idea for certification was brought on by Wartburg students who wanted new programs about sustainability, Sustainability Coordinator Anne Duncan said.

"I like to do a lot of meeting with students and see what they are interested and passionate about and then taking what they are saying and making it a part of our sustainability plan," Duncan said.

"I mean our sustainability office is here because students were interested and were passionate and they wanted the college to make the investment into sustainability so I really value what students have to say."

Jessica Payton said she is doing the certification because she sees a decline in the health of the world.

"The world is kind of going to crap in my opinion, so the only way we can make that change is if we do something about it," Payton said.

Students are asked to be bronze certified by Dec. 15.

To find the certification guide and where to find the elective work sheet go to www.wartburg.edu/sustainability.

Student charged with sexual abuse

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A Wartburg student was arrested Tuesday and charged with a third-degree sexual abuse stemming from an alleged incident that took place Oct. 27 on campus.

Alce Smith

Alce Smith is charged with third-degree sexual abuse, which is specifically classified as forced rape. The offense is a Class C felony punishable by up to 10 years in jail, said Troy Schneider, detective for the Waverly Police Department.

According to the criminal complaint, on Oct. 27 Smith and the victim were watching a movie together. During the movie, Smith continually made sexual advances toward the victim, who stated she did not want to have sex. According to the criminal complaint after several advances, Smith raped the victim.

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As enrollment grows, so does staff size

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Wartburg college's employment rate has stayed steady over the last three years, said Jane Juchems, director of human resources.

Jane Juchems

A recent study, published by Inside Higher Education, showed that employment rates at colleges across the country increased by 2.6 percent in 2010, with a majority of the growth coming among part-time employees.

"As our enrollment grew, our staffing grew," Juchems said. "But for the last three years while [students] have been at about 1,800, [staff] has been at about 500."

The report showed four-year

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Responsibility key in Christmas dorm decorations

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When the Wartburg Student Life office found a change to the international fire code, they banned traditional roped Christmas lights in dorms. A year after the change, the college is continuing its enforcement of the ban.

Assistant Director of Residential Life Elizabeth Goskesen said the changes were found later in the year, which caused further issues when they had to change the rule for students.

"People were annoyed because we had to begin enforcing this rule after people had already started putting their lights up," Goskesen said. "This year, we know what is and isn't allowed."

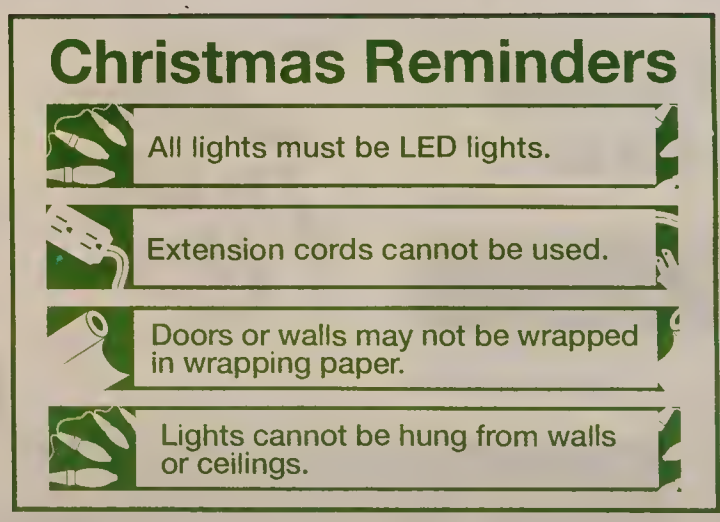
LED lights are among the lights still allowed by the college. This is because they emit less heat than traditional Christmas lights.

Goskesen said the student handbook has the full listing of rules for lights and decorations. This year, she said the college was much more prepared to enforce the fire code.

While the college does not allow traditional Christmas lights, Goskesen said they will not be taking large measures to enforce the policy.

"It's like the 2 a.m. policy. If we hear a boy in a girl's room past two in the morning, than an R.A. would do something. We won't be checking rooms for lights. We'll just address problems and issues as they arise," Goskesen said.

However, some students disregard the rule and still put up Christmas lights in their rooms. A junior who wishes to remain anonymous said Wartburg won't ruin her holiday cheer.



Molly Anderson/*TRUMPET*

"I figure as long as you're smart about it and don't leave the lights

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NEWS

College notified students and conducted interviews

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Waverly Police Capt. Jason Leonard said Smith was arrested on Nov. 29. Smith was released on bond just after midnight on Nov. 30.

Leonard said the reason for the month-long gap between the alleged incident and the arrest was part of the investigation process.

"Sometimes it takes a while to piece that puzzle together," Leonard said. "That was kind of the case here."

The college administration sent out an email notifying students of Smith's arrest. The email stated Smith was immediately placed on probation and removed from campus pending the outcome of the student conduct process.

Deb Loers, dean of students, said Wartburg goes through its own investigation process separate from Waverly Police.

Loers said all parties related to the incident were interviewed separately by two people, including John Myers, director of campus security and safety.

The findings of the report are only released to the parties involved. Loers said students do not need to be concerned.

Report shows male teachers make more on average than female teachers do nationally

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non-profit colleges, like Wartburg, had an increase in salaries of five percent since 2004-05 school year. The average salaries at institutions like Wartburg are $116,000 for men and $101,000 for women.

Juchems said while the difference in salary may be present at Wartburg, there are several factors going into that difference.

"*We probably have more long*-term male professors," Juchems said. "In recent years we've seen fairly equal numbers of females and males and fairly consistent salaries."

Sustainability coordinator Anne Duncan is a part-time employee. She said the biggest benefit to being part time is the scheduling flexibility.

"I had a full-time job that I really liked," Duncan said. "But I had kids and I was more passionate about that."

Duncan said the positive aspects of being part-time outweigh the negative aspects for her. She also said she couldn't be so effective in her job without student help.

"Student's can get to places that I can't," Duncan said. "Most of what happens in this office is a student idea."

Res Life will not intrude on students' rooms to enforce rules

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on all month, I guess there's really not a big risk of a fire," she said.

The student said she would consider getting LED lights if she had the money for it. She said her and her roommate are confident they can manage to not set their room on fire.

"It's not as bad as leaving a towel on a light or setting popcorn on fire," she said.

Goskesen said the reason that despite the fact that some students are likely to put up Christmas lights anyway, the college has no interest in intruding on its students.

"We want to treat you like adults. If you choose to put up Christmas lights that aren't approved, you're responsible for them," Goskesen said.

Fewer students study abroad

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Freshman Madison Stumbo talks with Kathy Traetow about studying abroad in the future. —Lizzie Lockhard/TRUMPET

Over the past few years the number of Wartburg students spending a semester out of the country has dropped by more than half. In the 2008 – 2009 school year, there were 36 students spending a semester studying abroad. There are only 15 this year.

Study Abroad co-director Dr. Joyce Boss and office coordinator Kathy Traetow said they know of three reasons why the numbers have dropped.

They point to the lower number of foreign language majors, a lack of advertising for the program and the current economic climate.

Students who have already spent the semester abroad highly recommend it to others, such as senior Michael Stevenson.

"The things that I learned while studying abroad are things I would never have learned on campus. They're things that I'll carry with me the rest of my life," Stevenson said.

Stevenson spent his semester abroad in Morogoro, Tanzania.

While abroad he traveled around the country visiting different national parks, spent the day at various Masaai villages and traveled to the island of Zanzibar.

Wartburg's Study Abroad office is able to send students to every continent except Antarctica and to virtually any country through various programs

Even though students in any grade can go abroad for May Term, in general, the students who are able to study abroad for a semester are third and fourth years.

Traetow said that it does not matter what your major is, if you want to study abroad, they can make it happen.

"All of the programs that we use have transferrable credits... you can still graduate in four years."

Students interested in studying abroad should talk to Traetow in WBC 118. Feb.1 is the deadline for studying abroad in the 2012-12 school year.

'Hamburglar' puts college in national news

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The "Hamburglar" incident has gone viral with 182,808 views on YouTube as of Sunday afternoon, putting Wartburg's Marketing and Communication department to the test. Third year Whitley Teslow has been charged with third degree burglary, fourth degree criminal mischief, and fifth degree theft after security camera footage showed a man breaking into a Cedar Falls McDonald's and cooking himself a meal, complete with condiments and a drink before exiting out the drive-through window.

Whitley Teslow

For this incident and a few other incidents this year, campus-wide e-mails have been sent out with information from the college.

Graham Garner, associate vice president for marking and communication, said this is an effort for the college to be part of the "conversation."

"The difference today is we can get feedback immediately. If we aren't part of the conversation, then we can't help shape the conversation," Garner said.

Campus-wide announcement emails for incidents are considered on a case-by-case basis depending on severity of the incident, whether or not it is a safety concern, and if it's a serious crime against property, Garner said.

"The information was out there, and we didn't want to appear as if we were not participating in that conversation, that we were aware and that we did have an impact," Garner said of Teslow's incident.

However, Garner said the incident has caused some waves for the school.

The incident received national attention on a number of programs including NPR and Good Morning America. That kind of attention, Garner said, means the perception of the college could be at risk.

"We try to emphasize that for every student who does get in trouble with the law, we have hundreds of students who are heavily involved in service to the community," Garner said.

The student conduct process began immediately as it would with any incident in violation of student code on campus, Wes Brooks, director of residential life, said.

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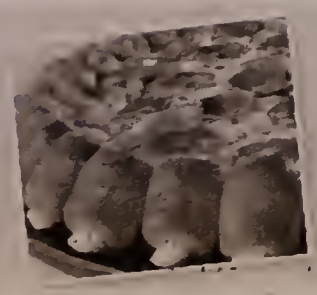
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OPINION & EDITORIAL

TRUMPET EDITORIAL:

A call for financial aid proactivity

When that tuition bill comes, it's easy to question why it is so expensive. Blaming Wartburg is easy to do, but the truth is that our state and college need to step up together and provide more funding for college students.

According to the Iowa College Student Aid Commission, Iowa rates second in the 10 states with the highest percent of student loan debt, with 74 percent of students in debt.

Currently the constant increase in education has been highlighted in the news. Education Secretary Arne Duncan is urging higher education officials to start thinking about ways to contain cost and reduce student debt. The Obama administration has taken steps to make it easier for students to repay debts, but it isn't enough.

Duncan said three-fourths of graduates feel they have more debt than they can manage. The average student debt is more than $25,000.

Terry Hartle, senior vice president of the American Council of Education, said a higher responsibility should be put on states to provide the funding and the national government should concern themselves with limiting tuition increases.

It seems every year we're all encouraged to write letters to our state representatives to slow cuts to the Iowa Tuition Grant. Instead there should be a year long effort to increase student financial aid completely.

As students, it's become our responsibility to stand up for our financial aid, and we need to take a proactive approach to increasing and protecting our financial aid. If we take a proactive stance we could create change that we need.

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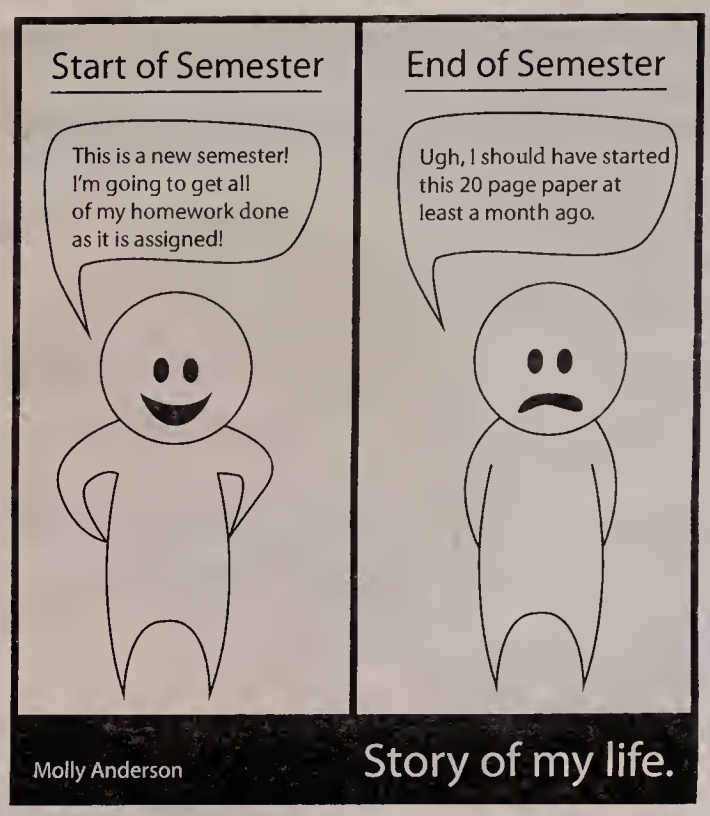

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Most of you know a student broke into McDonald's because an email was sent out to students about it. The email said that his "status will be subject to review in a hearing in accordance with procedures outlined in the Student Handbook." Thanks for the update Wartburg, but this is none of our business.

However, there are some incidents that were our business that we should have more information on.

First, the panty thief. His name was never released. Wartburg let him stay after he was caught stealing and found hundreds of articles of clothing in his room?

Speaking of thefts, lets take a look at the laptop thieves. Their names were released and one of them had been charged earlier in the year for assault while displaying a dangerous weapon while police were looking into drug activity. He was allowed to stay (although he did later choose to withraw— editor's note). I feel these charges are more serious than breaking into McDonald's to make a sandwich.

Last year two students were caught by security breaking into cars in D-Lot. After being arrested and charged for burglary, it was stated "if found guilty by the administrative board, sanctions from the school could range from community service, to fines or essays." Nothing was mentioned about their status as students.

One girl was nearly strangled to the point of unconsciousness by a student. The article released gave almost no information and stated that the attacker was still allowed to go to classes with a security escort.

I recently received another email about a student who was arrested and taken off campus for a sexual assault. When was the assault? Over a month ago. Why wasn't he taken off campus, where there are plenty of potential victims, as soon as this was learned of by the college?

It seems to me the main problem that Wartburg has with the Hamburglar is that it's a popular story.

While he caused no harm to anyone on campus and didn't perpetrate the crime on campus, unlike all of those listed above, his status as a student is under review and campus is immediately informed. This is wrong on the college's part.

Zak Steib

WORD FROM THE WISE:

Budgeting for success

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Don't some months seem as though there is much more "month" than "money"? December can be like that.

Erin Amsberry

Christmas is just around the corner and I bet you are stressing about how you're going to pay for gifts this holiday season.

While you may be like me and go out there on Black Friday to get the best deals, there are other ways to trim your expenses, and not just at holiday time. Following a budget can keep you from spending money you don't have.

Developing a budget can help you set financial goals to keep your eyes on the prize. It can even jump start your way to a comfortable retirement.

In the upcoming financial literacy session, I will be discussing why you need to budget, how to get it started and how to follow through with it. I will also share myths and tips to ensure success.

When I started a budget for my own family, I was amazed at where our money was going. Setting a budget allowed me to see areas where we could cut back and set money aside.

Budgeting showed me that even something as small as eating at home as opposed to eating out can save over $20 a day.

Come join me Tuesday, Dec. 6 in Buckmaster at 11:30 a.m. for 30 minutes. You could win a prize for attending.

Make sure to check out the Wartburg College Financial Literacy page and like us on Facebook so that you can keep up to date on what is being offered in the future.

Choice Words WARTBURG SOUNDS OFF

Dear Wartburg,
Instead of spending our tuition dollars on a new welcome facility, how about we invest in extending the skywalks to freshman dorms?
–It's cold out there

Hey guys that wear stocking hats halfway on your heads, just letting you know that you do not look cool.
–You actually look like a tool

Some general advice: Don't treat girls like Pokemon, or you're bound to catch them all.
–And I don't mean the girls...

Dear Biology and Chemistry Dept.,
We don't pay $30,000 a year so that we can figure out our own grades.
–Use my.wartburg

Is it me, or do all the black choir dresses look like wizard robes from Harry Potter?
–Outfly all over

Hey Zesty Workers,
Every time I walk by you are always laughing; enjoying what you are doing! Are you getting paid for that?
–Where can I get an application?

While I prefer the new color of the walls in Luther Hall, I kind of wish they hadn't been painted until over break. The paint fumes are robbing me of precious brain cells right before finals.
–I needed those!

If people are putting dollar bills in your pants at the bar you should probably re-examine your life.
–Dolla dolla bill y'all

Where was Pinkie and her party cannon at the independence party?!
–Gummie

Is it really necessary to email the entire campus every time the police put handcuffs on somebody? You might as well just stand them in the middle of the Mensa so everyone can point and talk about them.
–Cyber walk of shame

Hey first year ladies,
Consider yourselves lucky. The guys in your class are gorgeous! Take advantage of it!
–Jealous upperclassman

Dear Michele Bachmann,
You just got schooled by a high schooler! How does that feel?
–You go WSR!

I am so happy that the 25 days of Christmas on ABC is during finals.
–Can't ruin my Christmas cheer

Sometimes when it is snowing at night and I'm driving, I turn my brights on and pretend that I am going .5 past light speed in the millennium falcon.
–Rockin' like Solo

I love living in a postacard town for Christmas. Waverly even smells like hot cocoa!
–Now all we need is snow

Dear Finals,
Go do yourself, I'm done!
–Giving up already

Is anybody else confused by "The Lazy Song" by Bruno Mars? How can he throw his hand in his pants and strut around in his birthday suit? Is he magical?
–Confused

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NEWS

Online bullying a problem for students and colleges

Wartburg has dealt with reports of cyberbullying on campus, but most incidents are not reported

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Over one-third of polled students at the University of Northern Iowa have been bullied over the Internet, and 19 percent of those polled said they have bullied others online. Cyberbullying often occurs on social media websites. - Oxana Protchenko/*Trumpet*

Facebook, Twitter and blogs, the Internet is full of sites that provide people the opportunity to share what is on their minds.

Molly Wertz

The University of Northern Iowa conducted a study on cyber bullying last year, according to The Courier.

Out of sample size of 191 students, 34 percent of UNI students were victims of cyber bullying and 19 percent engaged in bullying.

Molly Wertz, a counselor at Wartburg, said bullying has been around for a long time. It has just recently become prevalent on this new format, she said.

Technology is widespread and cyber bullying is much different than traditional bullying, she said.

"It used to be when someone was being bullied they could go home and at least try to relax and feel safe there," Wertz said. "With cyber bullying, you cant even feel safe in your own home because your computer is there."

In the Wartburg student handbook there are references to behavior that deals with harassment of another person said Dean of Students Deb Loers.

She said if a student files a complaint and says they have been subject to extreme abuse through the Internet, the college would review that in terms of Wartburg's conduct process.

"The student has to make the complaint, we don't go reading Facebook pages," Loers said.

She said the next step of the conduct process involves extensive interviewing of the students involved.

Then, the director of residential life who is the chief conduct officer makes a decision about the severity of the situation.

For less severe incidents, the bullying can be handled between the student and a resident hall director. The student does have the opportunity to decide between an administrative hearing or going before the student conduct board.

Loers said most students want an administrative hearing. However, most incidents of cyberbullying happen without notice.

"I suspect there is a certain amount of it going on," Loers said. "We're not hearing about this so consistently that it is a majority of their conduct meetings."

Wertz said she wishes there were ways to prevent this kind of bullying.

She said education is a good step to preventing and starting young because of the role technology plays in people's lives, especially for young people.

"I just think that it's important to understand the magnitude of the effect that it has on people," Wertz said.

Megan Neuhring, a student at Wartburg, said she hasn't been directly exposed to cyber bullying but thinks people are more likely to say something over the Internet rather than face to face.

"You don't have that one on one contact and if you say it online you could always delete it and people wouldn't ever have to face that person if you don't want to, it's avoidable," Neuhring said.

Wertz is concerned that people are not in communication as much as they need to be.

Websites like ratemyprofessors.com provide students the opportunity to post comments about their professors that can be viewed by the general public.

If a student is concerned about something there is a chain of command starting with the professor.

Wertz said she feels like we have lost sight of face to face communication and that to her it's pretty scary.

"There are a lot of good things about social media," said Wertz. "I think some of this is taking it a little too far and creating some negative things about something that is supposed to be helpful," she said.

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Knightlife

"We can impact a lot of peoples' lives with music."
—Chad Giebelstein, Ritterchor

"I think music hits home everywhere."
—Brent Christeson, Ritterchor

"This is something that is much larger than the Waverly community. We share this with people across the state and from other states."
—President Darrel Colson

Oxana Protchenko/*TRUMPET*

"The international variety was really lively, I loved it. I thought this was the best of the last three that have been perfomed."
—Tim Scholten, audience

KNIGHTLIFE

Holiday Shoppe provides gifts for needy

Students and community members picked up ornaments describing a child so they could buy the appropriate gift to donate. Low-income families are the beneficiaries of Holiday Shoppe. — File Photo

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With $8,000 in donations and over 250 families, one Wartburg class is helping families who can't afford Christmas gifts

Monday, Holiday Shoppe distributed hundreds of donated gifts from the college and the Waverly community to invited low-income families throughout Bremer County. Gifts were given out at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly.

Tuesday, the remaining donations are being distributed throughout Bremer County.

Hundreds of families each received a large gift, two small gifts, a book, a board game and toiletries. They were also given wrapping paper.

The Wartburg social work community, specifically the Social Work Practice III class, in partnership with the Iowa Department of Human Services, coordinated Holiday Shoppe.

The Wartburg social work department has been involved with the project for over 20 years.

Social work professor Lynn Peters said the students in the social work class are organized into committees to solicit donations, work with the Iowa Department of Human Services to identify and invite families, communicate with Redeemer Lutheran Church and recruit and train volunteers for the Shoppe.

They also contact service groups, civic organizations and area churches to support the project.

"This year we've added two more student committees," Peters said.

"One is conducting a thorough assessment of the extent to which the Shoppe impacts the community; the other is exploring the future of the Shoppe and making recommendations that will assure its long-term viability."

Christmas trees were set up around campus for students to contribute to the Holiday Shoppe.

Gifts included toys, games, books, clothing and even some food basket donations.

The social work organizations take monetary donations to purchase more gifts for Shoppe.

"We purchase $8,000-$10,000 worth of gifts each year, depending on the level of contributions we receive, but also receive many in-kind gifts to distribute," Peters said.

Amy Swail, president of the Social Work Club, said with the contributions from the community, the Social Work III class takes a day to shop for the gifts.

"As a class, we'll go and purchase the toys ourselves," Swail said. "We spend hours shopping through the stores and getting all our toys."

Last year, the Holiday Shoppe helped around 255 families and 542 children.

Peters said the number of families benefiting from the program this year has increased slightly.

"The number of families served has more than tripled since the social work department became involved with the project in 1990," Peters said.

"The number of needy families and children in Bremer County often surprises people."

"We don't want more families to need it, but we're glad that the program's going," Swail said.

"We're doing something that helps others have a holiday like we're used to having. I've always been able to have presents with my family on Christmas, and I never used to think that other families didn't have that because they couldn't."

Swail said the class would like to improve the level of publicity about the Holiday Shoppe next year to get even more donations.

Still, the social work department is always pleased with the support from both the Wartburg and Waverly communities.

"When people know about Holiday Shoppe and what it is, they're very willing to support us," Swail said.

Counselors offer tips to students stressed about finals

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Finals are near and while students may be in panic mode, counselors on Wartburg's campus have tips on how to handle finals.

Stephanie Newsom

While some students know what to expect, some are taking their first college finals.

College finals may not be the same as finals taken in high school, but there are ways to adjust.

"I think it is pretty common when you look at finals during high school it is mainly all in one day or even all in a day or two. Here it can be spread out over several days," said Kelly Beck, academic success associate.

It is not just the finals schedule that is different. The things that lead up to these finals are different for first years as well. New students have had to get used to living on campus, learn new skills and make new friends, she said.

Final exams probably will not take place during the time your class is usually scheduled, which is another difference between high school and college finals, Stephanie Newsom, director of counseling services, said.

She said another difference is that college finals are not always a test.

A final in college could be a test but it could also be a project or final paper, she said.

When it comes to actually studying for finals, do not procrastinate, Newsom said.

"This behavior contributes to unnecessary stress because a person typically feels rushed and unprepared for exams or a presentation," Molly Wertz, Pathways counselor, said.

Rather than cramming for a test the night before, students should try studying in small segments with a break in-between, Wertz said.

However, after taking a break, students need to be able to return to a focused state of mind right away so time is not wasted, she said.

Finals week adds stress to a student's life, counselors said, but there are ways students can deal with that stress.

Having a study plan is one way of reducing stress. Other things that help reduce stress include eating well, getting exercise and prioritizing what you need to do.

If stressed during a test, a student should find ways to keep themselves centered, Newsom said.

"Take a deep breath. Just sit and focus on your breathing. Focus on your body and positive self-talk. Telling yourself calming thoughts that 'this is going to be okay, I can do this,'" Newsom said.

To stay calm during finals week, students are encouraged to get ready for finals ahead of time instead of the night before.

"If you've followed a study plan, avoided procrastinating and understand what you've studied, you can reassure yourself that you've done what you can to prepare for the exam," Wertz said.

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Here Is What Happened At Our Last Meeting:

- **Dr. Peter Nash, Crystal Mclaughlin, and Liza Gashi from the Diversity and Inclusion Council spoke about how Wartburg is incorporating and celebrating diversity on campus.**
- **The TOMS Club was recognized as an official organization.**
- **Senate allocated $920 to the Wartburg Band for them to attend the International Band Directors conference in Chicago.**
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day is coming up after Christmas break. Contact the VAC for more information on participating in a service project.**

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 8.
Meetings take place at 11:30 a.m. in Buckmaster
Everyone is welcome to join!

SPORTS

Wrestlers take second at Simpson

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The No.1 ranked Wartburg Knights wrestling team wrestled at the Simpson Invitational this weekend and finished second to Coe.

The Knights had 214.5 points, just one point behind the third ranked KoHawks.

"We had a few guys wrestle really well, and a lot of them were pretty mediocre in their abilities," head coach Jim Miller said. "So it ended up being not such a great tournament."

The Knights only had one wrestler win their weight class with Byron Tate taking first at 285 pounds.

Wartburg also had two tie for the title for the second time this season at 125 pounds with Gilberto Camancho and Kenny Anderson and two tying for the championship at 184 pounds with Sam Upah and Dylan Azinger.

The champions were not enough to defeat the KoHawks who had three individual titles.

"We're going to have to do a whole lot better if we want to get done what we want to," Miller said. "Everybody's got something different to change but almost everybody's got to make some changes.

Nine other Knights finished in the top five of their weight class including, Tommy Mirocha who finished third in the 133 pounds and Drew Wagenhoffer finished third at 149 pounds.

Landon Williams at 165 pounds, Ben Scott at 174 pounds and Ryan Fank at 285 pounds all finished third in their weight class as well.

Cole Welter and Punehele Soriano both finished four at 157 pounds and 197 pounds respectfully.

Brandon Welter and Cameron Wagner finished fifth at 149 pounds and 157 pounds.

"At the end of the year, no one's going to remember that tournament," Miller said. "That tournament's insignificant. Getting better is not irrelevant."

The Knights do not wrestle another conference dual until January 12 when they go to Buena Vista to face the Beavers.

The Knights host their annual home meet, the Dick Walker Invitational this Saturday.

Wrestling is scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

Wartburg will then travel to Las Vegas for their annual trip to the Desert Duals on December 18.

The Knights do not wrestle another conference dual until Jan.12 when they go to Buena Vista to face the Beavers.

Cameron Wagner wrestles his opponent at the Simpson invite. The Knights were No. 1 in the nation prior to th loss to No. 3 Coe. The Knights will host the Dick Walker Invitational on Saturday, and it will be there last home meet of 2011 before they return home to face Luther. — *Sports Information*

Knight wrestlers come from ten different states

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The No. 1 ranked wrestling team has members from all over the country. Wrestlers on the team come from ten states other than Iowa. There are even four wrestlers from Hawaii.

Other states that wrestlers from are Massachusetts, Georgia, Louisiana, California, and New Jersey Nebraska, Illinois and Montana.

Wrestlers from all over the country hear about Wartburg in several different ways. Freshman Dakota Boesch from Louisiana heard about Wartburg because his roommate's high school coach was T.J. Miller, head coach Jim Miller's son. Boesch was also on the traveling team that T.J. coached.

Other wrestlers, like junior Andrew Johnson from Hawaii, found Information about Wartburg on the internet when he searched for colleges with good wrestling programs.

Freshman Drew Wagenhoffer from New Jersey learned about Wartburg from his private wrestling coach back home who is from Iowa.

One thing that these wrestlers had to get used to is something that most students are already used to when they come to college: the snow.

"It snowed the other day. I was like a little kid on Christmas day, just like, snow!" said Boesch. "I've seen snow twice in my life and now we have it just chilling on the ground."

Johnson added, "I've seen snow before, like on vacation and stuff, where we play in it and make snowmen and have snowball fights, but we didn't do that here."

For Wagenhoffer, getting used to the weather change has not been fun. "It's ridiculous out here," he said. "It gets too cold for me."

This year only four out of the freshmen on the team are from Iowa and coach Eric Keller said that's not something the wrestling coaches see every year.

"I think the tradition and the history that we have obviously plays a big part," Keller said. "It's a unique environment. This is a unique place and people want to be a part of that."

Keller thinks this trend will only continue.

"This year we're looking at a couple kids from New Orleans, we're looking at another from New Jersey and some other states too, so I mean it is starting to expand," added Keller.

When it comes to the wrestlers, being so far away from home has been a positive experience.

"It's an experience that most people don't get," said Wagenhoffer. "It's just another chapter in my life."

Wartburg wrestlers come from the 10 states that are shaded in black. Eric Keller said they are recruiting in more states. —**Molly Anderson**/*TRUMPET*

FBS benefits schools and players

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The money, recruiting and national attention that each school gets for a bowl game is too valuable to have it all taken away.

Of course you have the argument that the playoff system would work for the big schools.But in all honesty is better for the students who all get to play in the coveted games and get the chance to win that trophy for the National Championship game, Rose Bowl and even the Chik-fil-a Bowl.

In the FCS, the division that UNI is in, there is the playoff game, where there is not just one system to perform, but a grind to the top of the nation.

The playoffs fit this division of the NCAA because they are too small to really benefit or make money on the television broadcasts.

The playoff system is tough for teams because there is no glory in losing in the playoffs, or just making it. If they lose, they lose and the season is over without any pomp and circumstance.

The bowl selection committee will probably never get it 100 percent right, because there will always be those teams that feel like they deserve to get into a bowl that is higher than the one they were selected for, but they try their best.

So this year when you sit on the couch, grab your bowl game food of wings, beverages and chips and root for your team like they were in the National Championship, because for the kids on the field no matter what bowl it is, it is their national championship, and for some the last game they will ever play.

But Michigan State should have been in the Sugar Bowl. So I guess there are some flaws.

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Wrestling finishes second
Wartburg finishes second at the Simpson Invite behind No. 3 Coe 7

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday	M/W Basketball @ Buena Vista
Saturday	Wrestling @ Dick Walker Invite
	Mens Basketball vs. Colorado

Women's basketball wins two

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Wartburg women's basketball added another win to their record on Saturday by beating Simpson 71-54.

The Knights were in the lead the entire first half making 65 percent of their shots and going into the locker room leading 33-22.

They continued to make shots into the second half, maintaining a double-digit lead throughout most of the half, at one point leading by 19 points.

"Our kids did a good job of forcing them to make shots they didn't want to take," head coach Bob Amsberry said.

The Storm were co-conference champions last season and came in with a 5-2 record.

The Knights hit 95 percent of their free throws, breaking the single-game record set last year.

"I expect them to make every free throw" Amsberry said. "Getting to the line is our style, aggressive attack mode".

Stephanie Reiter led the Knights with 17 points and had five rebounds with six assists. Abi Weidemann contributed 16 points.

Leslie Wilson was the Knights rebound leader with eight and also had 12 points.

The Knights turned the ball over more than the Storm 19 - 15, but only allowed the Storm, to shoot 27.8 percent from the field while Wartburg was 50 percent from the floor.

"Simpson forces a lot of turnovers, but if turnovers don't lead to fastbreak points it's not as bad," Amsberry said. "Careless turnovers we have to get fixed."

Earlier last week, the Knights traveled to Decorah and beat the Luther Norse in close game 77-72.

Leslie Wilson led the team with 18 points, and was also the top rebounder with 10.

Terri Diercks and Reiter each had two blocks against the Norse.

Luther had the leading scorer in the game with Taylor Johnson with 19 points.

The Norse jumped out ahead of the Knights going on an eight point run and leading at half 32-26.

The Knights didn't gain the lead in the game until 2:34 left when Leslie Wilson hit a jumper to make the score 67-65.

From there the Knights kept hitting shots and getting to the line while only allowing the Norse to get two points.

Luther out rebounded Wartburg 42-36 but only managed to get to the free throw line 15 times compared to Wartburg's 37.

Despite the Knights winning in the scoring column, Luther held the advantage in shooting percentage. shooting 46.7 percent from the field and 41.2 percent from the three-point line.

Meanwhile, Wartburg shot 38.3 percent from the field and 21.1 percent from the three-point line.

With the Norse shooting a higher percentage, the Knights needed an advantage to get the win. That advantage came in the form of turnovers as the Knights forced 26 compared to the Norse forcing just 15.

The Knights will take on Buena Vista next in conference play.

"[They] are a high scoring offense, we will need another great defensive effort," Amsberry said.

Wartburg takes on the Beavers on Wednesday tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m. and won't play at home again until the Wartburg Holiday Tournament Dec. 29- 30. First game starts at 3 p.m.

Leslie Wilson looks to pass against Simpson on Saturday. Wilson has a career high 10.4 points per game —Oxana Protchenko/ *TRUMPET*

Men's basketball wins home opener

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The Wartburg men's basketball team defeated Simpson 81-76 for their first Iowa Conference victory of the season on Saturday.

Wartburg was paced by Jordan Sathoff who recorded a double-double with 28 points and 13 rebounds. Thomas Perkins was also in double digits for the Knights, scoring 11 points.

Chad Boston had 24 points to lead the Storm in scoring.

"I thought we did a great job sticking to our game plan tonight," head coach Dick Peth said in an interview with WTV8.

The Knights jumped out to a 10-1 lead with 16:15 remaining in the first half. The Storm battled back to tie the game at 16 with 10:27 remaining.

The teams went back and forth for much of the game as the Knights led 53-52 with 13:19 to go. Wartburg then went on a 9-0 run in just over a three minutes and eventually pushed their lead to as much as 13.

Simpson battled back once again, cutting the lead to three, but the Knights held on for the 81-76 win.

"I think we had a better rhythm tonight offensively but defensively we can't continue to give up 76 points and win games. We've got to shore things up there as well as rebounding," Peth said.

The Knights fell to Luther Norse in both team's Iowa Conference opener on Wednesday, 61-55.

John Androus led Luther with 14 points and five rebounds and Dane Larson had 11 points. Jordan Sathoff led Wartburg with 15 points and seven rebounds and by Jamal Wright with 10 points.

Luther went on a 17-2 run in a span of seven minutes to take a 25-11 lead. Wartburg cut the lead to six but went into the half trailing 30-21.

The Knights look to go above .500 in the IIAC when they travel to Storm Lake on Wednesday to take on the Buena Vista Beavers. Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Drew Crawford goes up for a shot against Simpson. The Knights are 4-4, one win better than this time last year. —Oxana Protchenko/ *TRUMPET*

FROM THE BULLPEN

Bowl or playoff, just root for your team

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With the FBS starting their bowls and the FCS already starting their national playoff tournament, the question always arises, which is a better system?

With the mess this year that was LSU, Alabama and Oklahoma State the playoff system looks better than ever, but truth be told, it would never work for large state schools.

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